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## ITALIAN VICTORY IN MOUNTAINOUS CALLO

After Weeks of Hammering at the Austrian Positions With Their Big Guns

ALMOST WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF TRENT

One of the Italians' Chief Objects of the War—There Has Been Vicious Fighting in the Artois Region in France, in Champagne and Along Both Banks of the Meuse Above Dun—Entire Crew of 22 Perished in the Flames of the Zeppelin Brought Down by French Near Brabant-le-Roi—No Change in the Situation Along Russian Front in Galicia, But the Russians Are Still Pressing the Turks Hard in Armenia.

The Italians, after weeks of hammering at the Austrian positions with their big guns, have captured the mountainous region of Callo, in the Sogana valley and also have occupied the towns of Roncesano and Ronchi. By their new acquisition of Terrain the Italians now are almost within striking distance of the city of Trent, which lies, protected on the north, east and south by a line of fortifications, fifteen miles west of the capture.

Vicious Fighting in France.

Again there has been vicious fighting in the Artois region of France, in Champagne and along both banks of the Meuse above Dun. To the east of Soissons, after a heavy bombardment the Germans attacked and captured 800 metres of French trenches and took seven officers and 519 men prisoners.

So powerful was the attack that the Germans, seven battalions strong, not alone occupied first line trenches but at points gained access to some of the communicating trenches.

The French by a counter-attack, it is officially announced by Paris, succeeded in driving out the Germans from all but a few of these positions, the Germans suffering heavy casualties.

Germans Broke Into French Trenches. At Brabant-sur-Meuse the Germans also broke into the French trenches, but here again they were driven out.

**FRENCH LINER LA FAYETTE GOT WIRELESS WARNING**  
Telling of German Commerce Raiders on Southern Sea Lanes.

New York, Feb. 22.—Officers of the French liner La Fayette, which arrived here today from Bordeaux, reported that a wireless warning was heard on Feb. 14, when she was two days out, telling of German commerce raiders on southern sea lanes. The warning, according to the officers, was first received by shore stations from some unknown ship at sea, telling that a German commerce raider was being chased by a raider. The warning was sent out broadcast, and relayed from one vessel to another, the La Fayette passing it on to her sister ship, the Chicago, then nearing the French coast.

A news cable received here two days ago said that the French liner Chicago reported on her arrival at Bordeaux, having been chased by a German commerce raider. The despatch said the German raider was the Emden, which was sighted on Feb. 14, but the Chicago eluded her after a long chase by her superior speed.

**PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR ENDING ANSONIA STRIKE**  
Strikers Demand 20 Per Cent. Offered 10-A Compromise Probable.

Ansonia, Conn., Feb. 22.—Prospects of ending the strike of 2,500 employees of the American Brass company were considered bright today, following conferences today between the strikers' committee and the company officials. While the strikers demand the equivalent of 20 per cent. increase in wages and the company has offered a 10 per cent. increase, it is believed that a compromise of 15 per cent. raise will be effected.

The strikers' committee will hold a meeting tomorrow to consider the advisability of accepting the compromise offer. The committee is expected to be of a settlement tonight that they were hopeful of opening the mills on Thursday of this week.

**ARREST IN WATERBURY ON MURDER CHARGE**  
Of Man Wanted at Monterey, Mass., for Killing of Lafayette Battelle.

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 22.—Michael Gleason, also known as Michael Ryan, wanted in Monterey, Mass., for the alleged murder of Lafayette Battelle, a Civil war veteran, on Dec. 12 last, is under arrest here. He was pointed out to the police last night by a man who said he knew Gleason in Monterey. Gleason is said to have admitted that he hit Battelle with a piece of stove-wood and took his watch. The timepiece was recovered in a Hartford pawnshop.

**CRUISER TENNESSEE IS GOING TO BUENOS AIRES**  
With the American Delegation to the International High Commission.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The cruiser Tennessee is being ordered to New York to be overhauled for its trip to Buenos Aires with the American delegation to the International High Commission, which convenes there in June. The Tennessee will be relieved by the gunboat Dolphin, which becomes temporarily the flagship of Admiral Caperton's cruiser squadron.

### Cabled Paragraphs

**Bombs Dropped on Lunenburg.**  
Paris, Feb. 22, 3.10 p.m.—Zeppelin dropped bombs last night on Lunenburg, 15 miles southeast of Nancy. The damage was slight.

**Washington Honored in Paris.**  
Paris, Feb. 22, 12.20 p.m.—A wreath was placed at the foot of the statue of Washington in Place d'Alena, this morning by H. Cleveland Cox, deputy consul-general in Paris, on behalf of the Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

**DR. D. A. GORDON, FOUNDER OF EUGENIC SOCIETY, DEAD**  
His Marriage was a Practical Test of Eugenic Theories.

New York, Feb. 22.—Dr. David Allen Gordon, founder of the Eugenic Society of America, died suddenly at his home in Brooklyn today at the age of 53 years.

Although long prominent for his advocacy of eugenics and a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine, in addition to being well known as a writer of medical subjects, Dr. Gordon came into public notice when he married the daughter of Bertha Reheben, in 1911. She was less than half his age and before marrying her carefully studied her family history. At the time it was said that the unusual wedding was a romance, but Dr. Gordon discussed the union scientifically with his wife before marriage and they decided that it should be a practical test of eugenic theories. On April 25, 1912, about a year after their marriage, Dr. Gordon died of pneumonia. These are David A. Gordon, Jr., and Eleanor Gordon, both of whom are said to be exceptional children.

### BRITISH STEAMER

**AFIRE AT ST. JOHN.**

Blaze on Loaded Vessel is Soon Under Control.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 22.—The British steamer Arracan, loaded and in the outer harbor ready to sail, was damaged by fire of undetermined origin early today. When the flames were first discovered in the refrigerator plant, the Arracan called for aid and vessels with men and apparatus were rushed to her assistance. Two hours later it was stated that the fire was under control.

The partition was partly burned through, and the heavy metal plating on the outside was warped. It was believed that the damage was slight. The Arracan sailed from Liverpool January 17.

**WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY IN NATIONAL CAPITAL.**

High Government Officials Paid Tribute to Continental Leader.

Washington, Feb. 22.—George Washington's birthday was generally observed in the national capital today. President Wilson and other high government officials paid tribute to the memory of the continental leader. The day was virtually a holiday here with all the executive departments of the government closed, most of them all day and some after noon.

The chief celebration was that held under the auspices of various patriotic societies, in which the president, Secretary Lansing and other officials, French Ambassador Jusserand took part.

### CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES

**FROM MILFORD WRECK**

Have Already Been Filed With Officials of New Haven Road.

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 22.—Many claims for damages resulting from the Milford wreck have already been filed here with officials of the New Haven road. A. S. May, mayor of New Haven, and H. M. French, claim attorney for the road, were busy about the injured here this afternoon and evening. It was said tonight that about 125 claims, aggregating nearly \$500,000, had already been put in. The prospect of more to follow. The claims range all the way from loss of personal property to that of death from injuries.

### GENERAL EDWIN S. GREELEY

**IS IN A SERIOUS CONDITION**

From Shock and Injury to His Side in Milford Wreck.

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 22.—Edwin S. Greeley of New Haven, Civil war brigadier general, manufacturer and very prominent in the Sons of the Revolution, is in a very serious condition late tonight in the Stratfield hotel here. He is about 84 years old and suffered in the Milford wreck, making physicians very doubtful regarding his recovery. Nobody has been permitted to see him since he was brought here.

### TWO YEARS IN PENITENTIARY

**FOR ALBANY BANK TELLER.**

William T. Brice Allowed to Plead Guilty to Conspiracy.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 22.—William T. Brice, bookkeeper and teller of the First National bank of Amsterdam, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., in the federal court here today. Brice, who was a government witness in the trial and conviction of three others, and who was indicted for embezzlement, was allowed to plead guilty to conspiracy to defraud the institution.

### CARS IN COLLISION

**IN BOSTON SUBWAY.**

Conductor On One of Them Was Seriously Hurt.

Boston, Feb. 22.—Three cars were in collision near the North Station this afternoon as one of them was entering the subway. One of the conductors, Peter C. Hannagan, was seriously hurt. A Bay State Street Railway company car was passing under the station in Causeway street and about to enter the subway when a Reservoir car came directly behind it and the Bay State car immediately following. The Bay State car stopped because the trolley flew off and the next car jammed into it, bumped by the third car.

The conductor on the first car was caught, and suffered a severe fracture of his left leg.

**Movements of Steamships.**  
Nantes, Feb. 14. Arrived: Steamer America, New York.

## Nine Men Injured On British Steamer

WHEN A SMALL GAS BLOW TANK EXPLODED UNDERGOING REPAIRS

In Drydock on the Brooklyn Water-front—None of the Injured Was Seriously Hurt—No Damage Was Done to the Vessel.

New York, Feb. 22.—Nine men were injured this afternoon when a small gas blow tank exploded on the British tramp steamer Stormont, which is undergoing repairs in drydock on the Brooklyn waterfront. All except one of the injured were removed to hospitals, suffering from burns. None, however, was seriously hurt, according to physicians. The blow tank was used for riveting. No damage was caused to the vessel, which is owned by the Montreal Transportation Co., Ltd., of Montreal.

### BRITISH BLOCKADE TO BE RUN BY ONE MAN.

Lord Robert Cecil Mentioned for New Cabinet Position.

London, Feb. 22, 10.22 p.m.—The government, through the Marquis of Lansdowne, announced in the house of lords tonight that it had decided to turn over all questions connected with the blockade of Germany to one man, who would be the chief cabinet minister. It is understood that the new post will go to Lord Robert Cecil, who, since the formation of the coalition government, has been the principal spokesman for the blockade. He will retain this post, joining the cabinet as blockade minister. The new minister will be charged with the administration of the blockade in-council regulating the blockade, as well as responsibility for the general policy and practice of the government with respect to trade passing into or from neutral countries.

Lord Robert Cecil is a lawyer of wide experience and a young man, as members of the British cabinet go.

### HOCKEY PLAYERS HELD UP BY WRECK AT MILFORD.

Started in on Rescue Work, But Police Ordered Them Away.

Boston, Feb. 22.—Players representing the hockey club of New York, who filled an engagement in this city tonight, were held up for several hours today at the scene of the Milford, Conn., wreck. W. P. Bull, one of their number, in telling of their experiences, said that they were on the spot twenty minutes after the accident occurred and started in on the rescue work, when the police ordered them away.

"We saw at least five bodies," he said. "One lay beneath a coach which was overturned. Another was lying on other coach lay the body of a woman. The car had been on fire, but the flames had been extinguished before we reached it. The bodies were jammed between two coaches. Rails and ties were twisted and jumbled and all tracks were blocked."

### ATTORNEYS FAILED TO APPEAR IN OPPOSITION TO BRANDEIS

When Senate Sub-Committee Met to Continue Its Investigation.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Attorneys for Boston people opposing the confirmation of Louis D. Brandeis as associate justice of the supreme court failed to appear in the senate sub-committee met to continue its investigation of the nomination, and the hearing was adjourned until tomorrow evening. It was said tonight that the committee would meet Friday to hear the testimony of the witnesses.

### CHINESE REBEL LEADERS ARE PUT TO DEATH

Failure of Insurgent Attack on Hunan Governor's Mansion.

Peking, Feb. 22.—Rebels made an attack yesterday on the Governor's mansion at Chang-sha, capital of the province of Hunan. They were repulsed and captured. The leaders were put to death.

The province of Hunan is southern China. This is the first indication that the revolutionary movement, begun several weeks ago, ostensibly to prevent restoration of the monarchy in China, has spread to this province. Disorders have been reported previously in the neighboring districts of Hunan, Szechwan, Kwangtung, and Yunnan. In a statement to the Associated Press last week President Yuan Shi-kai described the encounters with the rebels as skirmishes, and said the malcontents would be suppressed without difficulty.

### WEAKENING OF LEVEES

**BELOW BATON ROUGE**

Occupied the Flood Workers in Louisiana Yesterday.

New Orleans, Feb. 22.—Weakening of the levee at Southwood, 12 miles below Baton Rouge, and aid for the marooned inhabitants in western Texas and Concordia parishes occupied the flood workers today. Reports from Southwood stated that action was being taken to prevent a breach in the levee which has been weakened by a section of capping caving.

Reports from Natchez today said work was continuing in rescue of inhabitants from the flooded areas of western Texas and Concordia parishes. Although the water was reported breaking in the levee within Catahoula parishes, as well as Texas and Concordia, it was expected the Red river would show a decrease within the next 48 hours.

## Record Made by Radio Message

20 MINUTES FROM DAVENPORT, IOWA, TO HOAQUIM, WASH.

That There Are a Large Number of Wireless Operators in This Country Capable of Handling Government Messages.

Davenport, Ia., Feb. 22.—Twenty minutes from Davenport to Hoquiam, Wash., was the record established by the radio message on preparedness, sent throughout the country last night. The message left the station of W. H. Kirwin, formerly of the United States army, at 11 o'clock, central time, and reached Hoquiam at 9.30. The message was delivered to the Puget Sound navy yard.

### Adjustments Were Perfect.

"I could hear the stations all over the country last night," Mr. Kirwin said today. "The adjustments were perfect and stations for 300 miles could hear me."

Mr. Kirwin is satisfied as a result of the test that there are a large number of wireless operators in the United States capable of handling the government messages with a high degree of accuracy.

### THREE WOMEN AND TWO MEN PERISH IN FIRE.

Which Destroys the Colonial Restaurant, New York.

New York, Feb. 22.—Several people are believed to have lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the Colonial restaurant in the theatre district early today. The upper floors of the five-story building were occupied by lodgers.

According to the police three women and two men are known to have been burned to death. They are believed to have been actors and actresses, but bodies have not yet been identified. There were several sensational escapes as the flames rushed upward through the building from the basement.

One man who jumped from a window on the second floor was seriously injured. There were twenty persons in the house at the time, all actors.

The bodies of a man and a woman were found on the top floor at the foot of a ladder leading to the roof. In the hallway on the first floor the bodies of two more men were found, and the body of a fourth man, burned beyond recognition, was discovered in a bed on the second floor.

### AMBASSADOR MORGENTHAU ARRIVES IN NEW YORK.

Received Note From Sec'y Lansing Advising Caution in Speech.

New York, Feb. 22.—Henry Morgenthau, United States ambassador to Turkey, arrived here today on the Frederick VII. The ambassador was taken off the steamer on a revenue cutter.

In an address to Mayor Mitchell's reception committee, which met him, Mr. Morgenthau said he had just received a note from Secretary Lansing advising him to be guarded in his speech regarding foreign and diplomatic affairs. He said he would leave New York for Washington tonight.

His lecture of absence ends in sixty days but it is understood that he will request its extension to the first of May.

Mr. Morgenthau said that at first his duties in Constantinople were merely routine. "Since then," he continued, "I have been necessary in a way, to make an umbrella of the American flag, I made it my duty to see that no one pulled too much of the umbrella over himself."

### ANNUAL CONVENTION OF KNIGHTS OF WASHINGTON

Held at Meriden—Delegates From Various Parts of Country.

Meriden, Conn., Feb. 22.—The seventh annual convention of the Knights of Washington was held here today. Delegates present from various parts of the country. At nine o'clock this morning the session opened with a communion service and was brought to a close this evening with a banquet. Because of having sprained a ligament in his leg, Right Rev. Chauncey Brewster, bishop of Connecticut, was unable to be present. The national officers elected are as follows:

General, Rev. Floyd S. Kenyon, West Haven; lieutenant general, Charles W. Chamberlain, West Haven; grand chaplain, George W. Barrows, Chelsea, Mass.; grand marshal, Captain F. C. Spaulding, Meriden; secretary, William H. Henn, North Haven; paymaster, W. H. Henn, Meriden; committee of endowment fund for three years, Colonel F. L. Whitehead, Stamford.

### VETERAN ODD FELLOWS HELD ANNUAL MEETING.

David M. Boyd of Derby Elected Chief Veteran.

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 22.—The Veteran Odd Fellows' association held its annual meeting here today. The following officers were elected: Chief veteran, David M. Boyd of Derby; vice veteran, Lorin M. Brown of Southbury; treasurer, John B. Judson of New Haven; directors, Grant W. Leonard of New Haven, Seth B. Blakeman of Shelton, Karl Winter of this city, Sidney W. Challenger of Bridgeport and Samuel Prince of Bridgeport.

The next annual meeting will be held in New Haven.

### FATAL EXPLOSION ON BATTLESHIP DELAWARE

Evaporator Accident Kills Battleship Fireman During Manoeuvres.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Edward McNulty Reber, of Syracuse, N. Y., a fireman on the battleship Delaware, was killed by an explosion of the salt water evaporator Sunday night, while the Delaware was manoeuvring with the main portion of the Atlantic fleet near Guantanamo.

### Condensed Telegrams

Lassen Peak, California, is showing signs of renewed activity.

William J. Bryan has acquiesced on the renomination of President Wilson.

Mahlon D. Thatcher, Pueblo, Col. millionaire banker, died. He was 76 years old.

Six New York policemen were fined 15 days' pay and transferred for shooting craps.

Senator Johnson of Maine read General Washington's Farewell Address in the senate.

Waiters in many of the smaller downtown New York restaurants have gone on strike.

All the income tax cases before the Supreme Court were disposed of in favor of the Government.

Representative Baker, of California read General Washington's Farewell Address in the House.

Four men have been indicted, charged with the murder of Barnet Baft, the independent poultry dealer.

The River Meuse has overflowed its banks over a large area of country in the neighborhood of Liege.

A fast mail steamship service between New York and South American ports will soon be instituted.

John Armstrong Chaloner, art patron, lawyer, is going on tour for thoroughbred hogs.

Premier Wilson has signed an executive order creating an inter-departmental board on coastal communication.

Ten per cent. increase in wages of telegraphers and station agents of the Clover Leaf Railroad, Ohio, has been granted.

George E. Miller, general superintendent of the Lehigh Valley Transit company, died at Allentown, Pa., aged 49 years.

D. W. Brown of Mystic was elected president of the Connecticut Poultrymen's association at its annual meeting at Hartford.

A New York man sent back his license notice because he found his license sitting in the lap of another young man.

A telephone message from Tiahullo stated that Villa troops under Canuto Reyes had been driven into the desert region northeast.

President Wilson prefers having the proposed tariff commission consist of members appointed by himself and entirely non-partisan.

Julio Acosta, special envoy of the Costa Rican government, passed through San Jose yesterday on his way to Washington.

The superdreadnought Pennsylvania arrived at Rockland, Me., from Newport News to begin her official builders' acceptance trials.

Fire in the seed warehouse of the damaged Rennie Company, Toronto, destroyed about \$200,000.

Sinking of the British steamship Dingle is reported by Lloyd's. The ship probably is only one survivor. No details have been received.

The plant of the Burlington, Vt. Rendering company was partly burned and a quantity of fertilizer damaged. The loss is estimated at \$25,000.

One boy on a bobbed smashed into an automobile and was killed, and another went over an embankment on a second coasting accident in New York.

Premier Sir Robert Borden of Canada has accepted an invitation to address the Lawyers' Club of New York after the adjournment of Parliament.

The British steamer Arracan, loaded and in outer harbor ready to sail, was damaged by fire of undetermined origin early yesterday.

A public reception by the Governor and Mrs. McCall in the Hall of Flags at the State House was the principal observance of Washington's Birthday in Boston.

Two deaths during the trip of the American Line steamer New York which arrived at New York from England, encased in ice, were attributed to the rough passage.

Representations against the presence of United States deputy marshals in the British line of ships were made to the State Department by the German embassy.

A call for a special meeting of stockholders of the Maine Central railroad, to be held on March 8, to take action on the issue of \$8,000,000 refunding bonds, has been sent out.

A reduction in the cost of producing shells in England will result in a saving of 400,000 pounds weekly after June 1st. This statement was made in the house of commons yesterday.

Thomas McGilton, a soldier in many wars and one of the last who witnessed the charge of the Light Brigade at Balaklava, will be buried with full military honors today at West Point.

Reports from Salzburg say that 30 persons are still missing as a result of an avalanche in the Hochkneibitz mountains, and that 22 persons were reported in addition to the fifty-five made known.

The 35-knot battle cruiser planned for the new naval program will be the finest and most powerful ships of its class in the world. Rear Admiral Badger of the general board told the House naval committee.

Endowments amounting to nearly one million dollars were announced at the Washington Day celebration of the University of Buffalo yesterday. These include \$500,000 from Mrs. Seymour Knox, and \$225,000 from General Edmund Haynes.

The Connecticut Postmasters' association at its annual meeting in Hartford yesterday elected the following officers: President, Philip Troup, New Haven; vice presidents, M. H. Walsh, Middletown, Thomas F. Rourke, Unionville; secretary-treasurer, D. J. Teevan, Shelton.

## Broken Air Hose Caused Bad Wreck

ON THE NEW HAVEN ROAD NEAR MILFORD YESTERDAY

NINE KILLED, 50 INJURED

It is Claimed That W. R. Curtis, Engineer of No. 5, Ran Past a Cautionary Signal 2,000 Feet in the Rear of the Stalled Express.

Milford, Conn., Feb. 22.—Eight persons lost their lives and fully fifty were more or less hurt in a head-on collision of passenger trains on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad here today. Four of the victims were railroad employees, two were passengers, a man and a woman, whose lives went out instantly in the terrific crash, and the others, also passengers, died in hospitals in Bridgeport and New Haven where they had been taken.

### The Dead.

The dead are: W. R. Curtis, engineer, George L. Tourtellotte, flagman, Merrick, Mass.

Patrick Collins, New York city, died in New Haven hospital.

Miss Susan B. Hyland, New Haven. Charles E. Allen, Groton, Conn., died at New Haven hospital.

Edward McGinnis, fireman, Male passenger believed to be named Der Hovhannesian.

One employee let unidentified. May be named Werner, who was deadheaded.

Joseph J. Frye, Springfield, Mass., Porter, died in Bridgeport hospital.

### Trains Involved.

The trains involved were No. 78, the Greenfield express, which is scheduled as the Connecticut River special, and No. 5, a local train for way points between New Haven and New York, as the former runs through to the latter city without station stops.

### Broken Air Hose Causes.

A broken air hose on the express between the electric motor which was stalled on the road leading car stalled the train on a curve and the curve and rock cut near the Woodmont station, and while there the local which was following, was buckled up and crashed into it at forty miles an hour.

### Claimed Engineer Ran Past Signal.

It is claimed that W. R. Curtis, the engineer of No. 5, ran past a cautionary signal 2,000 feet in the rear of the express, and when he saw the home signal 300 feet in the rear of the stalled train, he could not hold his train and ran into it. The train was in an instant had run into the stalled train, and not only were two passenger trains in confusion but a freight train which was passing west on the next track just at that moment was buckled up by wreckage through out it.

### Flagman Ground to Death.

Of many examples of fortitude and commendable deeds done during the wrecking moments, that accompanied the wreck, it is said that the flagman, George L. Tourtellotte, flagman on the stalled train, stood out prominently. According to the story told, Tourtellotte went